



## Commonwealth of Kentucky Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

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### **Transportation Cabinet seeks public input for increasing highway project goals** *Statewide public forums scheduled for June*

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (May 20, 2016)** – The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is seeking public input on proposed goals for increasing Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) involvement in highway projects.

The KYTC Office for Civil Rights and Small Business Development, which oversees the cabinet's DBE program, is preparing an annual, overall DBE participation goal for the federal fiscal year 2017, which begins Oct. 1. Under U.S. Department of Transportation rules, the new goal would be in effect for three years.

"The public forums offer DBEs, industry leaders and Cabinet officials a venue to collaborate on issues and concerns involving highway projects and proposed Cabinet goals," said KYTC Secretary Greg Thomas. "The Cabinet wants to ensure that disadvantaged businesses are represented fairly in the project award process."

The 2017 goals and methodology will be available online at <http://transportation.ky.gov/Civil-Rights-and-Small-Business-Development>.

The Office for Civil Rights and Small Business Development will host forums during June in each of the cabinet's 12 highway districts to explain the proposed goals and how they were established.

The Office for Civil Rights and Small Business Development is committed to ensuring equal employment opportunity, a diverse workforce and the promotion of equitable business opportunities throughout Kentucky.

Written comments will be accepted and can be submitted online through the website or through the mail to:

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Information is also available by calling 1-502-564-3601 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT.

Public forum schedule:

**Thursday, June 2**

KYTC District 1  
5501 Kentucky Dam Rd.  
Paducah, KY  
10 a.m. CDT

KYTC District 2  
1840 N. Main St.  
Madisonville, KY  
1:30 p.m. CDT

**Friday, June 3**

KYTC District 4  
634 E. Dixie Highway  
Elizabethtown, KY  
11 a.m. CDT

KYTC District 3  
900 Morgantown Rd.  
Bowling Green, KY  
1 p.m. CDT

**Monday, June 6**

KYTC District 5  
8310 Westport Rd.  
Louisville, KY  
1 p.m. EDT

**Tuesday, June 7**

KYTC District 7  
763 W. New Circle Rd.  
Lexington, KY  
11 a.m. EDT

KYTC District 9(Flemingsburg)  
822 Elizaville Ave.  
Flemingsburg, KY  
2 p.m. EDT

**Wednesday, June 8**

KYTC District 6  
421 Buttermilk Pike  
Covington, KY  
10:30 a.m. EDT

**Thursday, June 9**

KYTC District 8  
1660 S.U.S. 27  
Somerset, KY  
10:30 a.m. EDT  
(Public forum for the District 8-Somerset and District 11-Manchester counties)

**Friday, June 10**

KYTC District 12  
109 Loraine St.  
Pikeville, KY  
1:30 p.m. EDT

(Public forum for the District 10-Jackson and District 12-Pikeville counties)

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